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## State Legislators

# Four Incumbents and Challenger Run in September 12 Primary

Four candidates have filed their intention to run for the Maryland House of Delegates in District 22. Running for reelection are Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross. They are being challenged by Democratic candidate Karren Pope-Onwukwe. State Senator Paul Pinsky is unopposed in the September 12 primary election for District 22.

### Paul Pinsky

Senator Paul Pinsky was elected to the Maryland Senate in 1994 after having served two terms in the House. He is a member of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee and is chairman of its Education Subcommittee. He is also the Senate chairman of the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review. Pinsky, an advocate for environmental protection, universal health care coverage and patients' rights, also has a strong interest in public education. For 20 years he taught high

school history in Prince George's County and currently works as an organizer for an affiliate of the Maryland State Teacher Association (MSTA/NEA).

### Anne Healey

Delegate Anne Healey was first elected to the House of Delegates in 1990. She is vice chairman of the Ways and Means Committee which addresses issues such as taxes, education and election law. Healey is also a member of the Joint Committee on Spending Affordability, the House Rules Committee and the Prince George's Delegation's Subcommittee on Law Enforcement. Her professional background is in journalism. Healey and her husband have lived in Hyattsville for over 27 years.

### Tawanna Gaines

Delegate Tawanna Gaines, a deputy majority whip, was appointed to the House in 2001 and elected in 2002. She is a member of the Appropriations Committee, vice chairman of its Health and Human Resources

Subcommittee and serves on its Capital Budget and Personnel Subcommittees. She is also a member of the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, the Oversight Committee on the Office of Children, Youth and Families and the executive board of the Women Legislators of Maryland. For over 30 years Delegate Gaines and her family have resided in Berwyn Heights where she was the first African American elected to the town council and the first female mayor.

### Justin Ross

Delegate Justin Ross won election to the House in 2002. He is a life-long resident of Prince George's County and a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the University of Maryland College Park with a bachelors degree in government and politics. Ross is a member of the Ways and Means Committee and its Education and Election Law Subcommittees. He

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Paul Pinsky



Anne Healey



Tawanna Gaines



Justin Ross



Karren Pope-Onwukwe

## Election 2006

# Voters to Choose Candidates For the Elected School Board

by James Giese

*Much of the information obtained for this article is taken from the internet and has not been verified for accuracy. A website providing information on candidates for all races is [www.gazette.net/election06/pg](http://www.gazette.net/election06/pg) and a website with information on school board candidates is <http://pgpolitics.esmartweb.com/cand/boe.html>. The League of Women Voters is expected to publish a Voter's Guide prior to the primary election.*

After a four-year hiatus during which there was an appointed Prince George's County Board of Education, voters at the September 12 primary election will have the opportunity to vote for a new elected school board. And new it will be since only two incumbents are seeking election to the nine-member board. The new school board will be reconstituted from the last elected board. While still nine members, four will now be elected at-large with the other five elected from five districts.

In the past, all nine members were elected from nine districts. School board districts are not the same as districts for county council or for members of the Maryland General Assembly. Greenbelt is located in District 1, an area that also includes Beltsville, Laurel and Glenn Dale.

In total there were 46 candidates although two have now withdrawn from the race. Seventeen names will be on the ballot for the four at-large spots. Voters will vote for only four at-large candidates. The eight candidates with the most votes in the primary will go on to the general election.

Four names will be on the Greenbelt ballot for the District 1 position. Voters will vote for only one person. The top two vote-getters in the primary will be placed on the general election ballot.

The school board is a non-partisan office. That means that all registered voters, no matter what their party affiliation or non-affiliation, can vote for this office in the primary. (For all other offices the candidates will be seeking nomination as their

party's candidates and only Republicans and Democrats will be able to vote.)

For the most part, the school board race has drawn a group of reasonably well-qualified candidates.

### At-Large

Of the candidates, Howard Stone, 53, of Mitchellville, is the best known. He is serving as the vice-chair of the current board. He was chief administrative officer for the county under County Executive Wayne Curry. He has also served as a senior assistant to former county executive Parri Glendening, a legal assistant to Congressman Steny Hoyer, administrative assistant to the county council and chair of the county Democratic Central Committee.

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# Ottilie Van Allen Dies at 102 – A Remarkable Life Story

by Virginia Beauchamp

An extraordinary life came to an end on the first day of August 2006 in the death of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 1995, Ottilie Van Allen. She was 102. She died at a nursing home in Avon Park, Fla., where she had lived for the last few years.

Ottilie – as she was known to everyone in Greenbelt – is survived by a son, John, of Colorado and his wife, Renata, as well as by a daughter-in-law and former Greenbelt resident Norma Van Allen. A son, Peter, preceded his mother in death.

A memorial service will be held at Paint Branch Unitarian Church on Powder Mill Road in Adelphi on Thursday, August 31 at 2 p.m.

Born in Germany as Ottilie Fleishman, she came to the United States at the age of 9. Her father, who was a translator for a large business company, bought an apartment house in Philadelphia, where the family lived. Mr. Fleishman, one of 17 children, had followed two or three older brothers to this country.

Both his father and grandfather had held the ceremonial post of mayor in the small town in Germany where he grew up. Ottilie's mother was a professional pianist and music teacher; her brother was also a pianist.

Ottilie was educated at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago, being a member of the first class at the latter school to admit women.

Early in her marriage she had worked at Saranac Lake, N.Y., where her husband was a high school science teacher. Ottilie served as a personal assistant and tutor in English to wealthy German immigrants who had fled Nazi Germany and were now patients in a tuberculosis sanitarium.

Sometime later, after a divorce and with two sons to support, she earned a master's degree in occupational therapy. She worked as an occupational therapist in another tuberculosis sanitarium and still later at an institution for recovering alcoholics. She came to this area, buying a house in Chevy Chase, while her sons were still in high school so they would be near their paternal



Ottilie Van Allen

grandmother. In the early 70s she bought her Greenbelt home in the 18 Court of Ridge Road.

A Lutheran from birth, Ottilie became a Unitarian by chance when she moved to Philadelphia to attend graduate school. She tells how she was looking for a church and found four on the four corners of one intersection in the city. The first she attended, the Unitarian, so pleased her that she never tried the others.

Later she helped to found a new Unitarian church in Germantown, near Philadelphia. When the congregation there was commemorating a major anniversary, she returned as an old lady to help them celebrate, even though by this time she was finding travel difficult.

### World Traveler

Earlier she had traveled widely, taking many trips with a sister-in-law, Barbara Van Allen. At around the age of 82 Ottilie joined a Unitarian group for a trip to China. She also visited Alaska and Spain.

A major influence was a trip to Europe including a visit to Transylvania where Unitarianism began. She regularly told stories of this experience to Sunday school classes at the Paint Branch church.

On another trip to Europe she undertook to connect with members of her extended family still in Germany and to find the gravesites of ancestors. To her surprise, not until she explored tombstones in a Jewish cemetery

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## What Goes On

### Saturday, August 12

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Between Municipal Building and Community Center

### Monday, August 14

**7:30 p.m.**, Advisory Committee on Trees, Schrom Hills Park Community Center

**8 p.m.**, Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

### Thursday, August 17

**8 p.m.**, GHI Budget Preparation Member Input Session, GHI Board Room



Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



# Community Events

## Senior Meals Menu

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, August 14 through Friday, August 18 include:

Monday – Navy bean soup, Texas tuna on wheat Kaiser roll, four bean salad, cole slaw, chewy granola bar.

Tuesday – Grape juice, baked chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, bean medley, fresh melon.

Wednesday – Fruit juice, BBQ beef ribette on a bun, black-eyed peas, mixed greens, lemon par-fait.

Thursday – Split pea soup with crackers, ham steak with fruit sauce, broccoli florets, candied sweet potatoes, tropical applesauce.

Friday – Cranapple juice, sliced turkey with gravy, cornbread dressing, whole Brussels sprouts, canned pears.

## Legion Members Sought, Needed

There will be a general membership meeting of the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 on Thursday, August 17 at 7 p.m. All members are invited to attend. The Post has a good membership base in all areas of the American Legion family and has the potential to be a successful Post though only a handful of members have been attending meetings. Meeting times were changed to accommodate member requests, yet attendance remains poor.

Those who need rides are urged to call the Post at 301-345-0136 so a Legion officer can arrange transportation. Call 24 hours in advance and someone will provide a ride to and from the meeting. Legion officers ask members not to let pride over needing a ride prevent them from serving the community, state and nation through participation. The Legion needs all members’ ideas and time. Meetings also provide a chance to see old friends, have a bite to eat and some fun.

## Neighborhood Watch Training August 15

On Tuesday, August 15 at 7 p.m. there will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting and training session at the Greenbelt Lake Village Manor House, 6640 Lake Park Drive. The meeting and training is open to any Greenbelt resident who wants to participate in their local Neighborhood Watch, regardless of the specific community.

The meeting will combine a training session for new members and a refresher course for all residents to recognize and report suspicious activities. Those concerned about recent crime are invited to attend.



## Learn about Diabetes

A diabetes teaching seminar will be held in the Greenbelt Library meeting room on Thursday, August 24 at 1 p.m. The seminar will feature a guest speaker who will present a diabetes overview and discuss treatments and nutrition. Informational handouts will be available. The seminar is hosted by the Physician’s Family Practice which is located in Roosevelt Center. For more information call 301-474-2141.

## International Family Network Launched

by Anne Gardner  
Just moved to the U.S.? The Greenbelt International Family Network (GRIFN) has a website at [www.greenbelt.com/grifn](http://www.greenbelt.com/grifn) aimed at easing the transition to the U.S. and to the Greenbelt area in particular. It provides information on local schools, housing, transportation, shopping, dining and recreation, as well as tips on how to negotiate the bureaucracy of making an international move.

The webpage was set up by a group of international mothers, all with husbands working at NASA Goddard or the University of Maryland, who met each other through the Greenbelt Mamas & Papas playgroup. While chatting about their experiences in moving to the U.S., they agreed that the transition would have been much easier if they had been given more information about the area, for example recommendations of apartments and realtors, how and where to buy a car, where to go shopping and local activities for children.

For the moment the webpage is purely an information resource and still a work in progress but if there is enough interest the group hopes to set up a Yahoo email list. That would allow new arrivals to chat with people who have been in the area for a while (and who perhaps share the same language) and put families returning to their native country in touch with new arrivals who have need of the furniture and other items they have to leave behind.

Comments and suggestions about the group and the webpage are welcome and should be sent to [grifn@greenbelt.com](mailto:grifn@greenbelt.com).

## Beaverdam Creek Group to Meet

The August meeting of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group will be held on Tuesday, August 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the library of Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road. Among the topics to be discussed will be the Shutter Bug Happening later this month, the upcoming Water Quality Monitoring Informational Forum in September, a proposed bike tour of the watershed, the Labor Day Information table and a bird walk. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting just to find out what’s coming or to assist in the planning.

MOBILE POSTAL VAN:  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the  
Municipal Building Parking Lot

## GHI Notes

Upcoming meetings and events:  
Thursday, August 17, 8 p.m.  
– Member input session on 2007 budget, Board Room

Tuesday, August 22, 6:30 p.m.  
– Marketing Committee meeting, Board Room

7 p.m. – Community Education & Planning Work Group of SDP, Lunch Room

7 p.m. – Seller’s Seminar, Board Room

Thursday, August 24, 7:30 p.m.  
– Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

## Film Explores Uranium in Weapons

The Peace and Justice Coalition of Prince George’s County will show a video made for German television – “The Doctor, The Depleted Uranium and the Dying Children” – that alleges the use and impact of radioactive uranium weapons in the Iraq War. The film will be shown Sunday, August 13 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Community Center. For more information, contact Lucy Duff, co-coordinator at 301-577-2350 or at [justpeace@earthlink.net](mailto:justpeace@earthlink.net).

## Astronomical Society Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party on Saturday, August 12 at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin setting up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:15 p.m.

In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice. Information about other events can be found on the society website at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>.

## Choral Society Plans Auditions in August

Prince George’s Choral Society has openings for sopranos, although all qualified singers are welcome to audition. Auditions will be held on August 14 and 21 at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Greenbelt Road.

Call Dorothy Miller at 301-336-8539 or Llyn Tamantini at 301-441-1947.

## Meals on Wheels Is Accepting Customers

Meals on Wheels of College Park is now accepting new customers. Meals are delivered to the customer’s door Monday through Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To enroll or get answers to any questions call Meals on Wheels at 301-474-1002 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and noon.

For a limited time prices are reduced to \$20 a week, which includes a bread pack (with coffee, tea and condiments), a sandwich, salad and fruit, milk, juice and a hot meal.

THE DOCTOR,  
THE DEPLETED URANIUM  
& THE DYING CHILDREN  
Award-winning film by Frieder  
Wagner & Valentin Thurn  
Sunday, August 13, 4:30 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center  
Discussion led by  
Sarah Wilton,  
Former Commander in U.S.  
Naval Reserves  
Peace & Justice Coalition



Paulina (Anna Maman) seeks revenge on her torturer, Dr. Miranda (John Decker) in the intense thriller now at GAC, “Death and the Maiden.”

## A Review

# “Death and the Maiden” Is an Intense Drama

by Carol Griffith

Sit-on-the-edge-of-your-seat intensity marks the current play at the Greenbelt Arts Center, “Death and the Maiden.” The psychological thriller, with underlying themes of forgiveness and healing, is the first play of the 2006-07 season. Written by Chilean-American playwright Ariel Dorfman, it is set in an unnamed tropical country that has gone through a period of dictatorship from which it is slowly recovering.

Act One introduces husband and wife, Paulina Salas (played by Anna Maman) and Gerardo Escobar (played by Jeff Landou), as they struggle in a flawed marriage. Paulina is a fragile person. It is revealed that while a university student 15 years before, she was abducted, tortured and raped. Gerardo is a lawyer and has just been appointed to a presidential commission to investigate events that occurred under the dictatorship. A local doctor, Dr. Miranda (played by John Decker) arrives after having helped Gerardo with a flat tire and after a few drinks, decides to spend the night at the couple’s home. The act ends on a shocking note, with Paulina abducting the doctor from his bed at gunpoint, tying him up and announcing that he is her rapist and she intends to have a “trial” in their home. Among the ways she recognizes him as her attacker is a recording he has in his car of Schubert’s composition, “Death and the Maiden.” Even though Paulina remembers this musical work being played during her attack, it also serves as a metaphor for her of her carefree life before the attack, in which she was fond of classical music, especially Schubert.

The second act twists and turns as the three characters interact. Paulina vacillates be-

tween childlike and ruthless in her desire to find justice and kill Dr. Miranda should Gerardo find him guilty. Gerardo is tormented by his desire to uphold his years-old promise to his wife to find her attackers and yet find the truth, knowing his career on the president’s commission may be lost as a result. Dr. Miranda has some great lines that show the effects of the political upheaval on average people. His speech about violence begetting more violence is especially effective, given current world events. But was he really Paulina’s attacker?

All three actors are superb and the sets are very creative and well done. Director Lenora S. Demoga and producer Beatriz Mayoral have set the bar high for the remaining productions of the season.

“Death and the Maiden” will be performed on Fridays and Saturdays August 11 and 12, 18 and 19, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. and Sundays August 13 and 20 at 2 p.m. Greenbelt Arts Center is located at 123 Centerway, and tickets may be purchased from the box office at 301-441-8770. This production contains adult language and there is a loud sound simulating a gunshot.

## Labor Day Festival Used Book Sale

Raising funds for:  
**Greenbelt Elementary School PTA**

Book donation drop-off at  
**Co-op Supermarket**  
August 1 to August 31  
Large donation pickup available

For information call:  
301-474-2041

## Democracy Is Not a Spectator Sport – Get Involved!



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Drop off campaign literature • Help Get Out The Vote  
Take people to the polls • Call from the phone bank  
Make calls from your home • Host a party  
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The MD Democratic Party Needs Your Help

Call...Marlon Marshall at (301) 306-0056  
email: [mmarshall@mddems.org](mailto:mmarshall@mddems.org) or Suzanne St. Cyr 301-345-1321



### Beat the Heat Tips For Seniors, All

The county Department of Aging offers the following tips for seniors (and everyone) to beat the health impacts of summer:

Keep cool – Spend as much time as possible in cooler surroundings such as an air-conditioned shopping mall, senior center, public library or movie.

Use an air-conditioner or fan – Air conditioning can provide life saving relief from heat stress, especially for those with a medical condition like heart disease. Fans can draw cool air into the home at night or help provide good indoor air circulation during the day.

Baths and showers – Cool baths or showers (with water temperature around 75° F) provide amazing relief from the heat 25 times faster than cool air.

Clothing – Wear as little as possible when at home. Lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing is more comfortable in hot weather. Cotton and other natural fabrics are very comfortable. Wear a hat or use a parasol or umbrella for head and neck protection when outdoors.

Drink often – In hot weather the body needs more water. Don't wait to feel thirsty, because the body needs more fluid than thirst will indicate. Thirst may be an indication that dehydration is already occurring.

Avoid alcohol – Alcohol interferes with the body's fight against heat stress. It can put a strain on the heart.

Slow down – Take it easy, especially at the start of hot weather when the body is less prepared for the heat. Physical activity produces body heat.

Monitor food and salt intake – Avoid hot foods and heavy meals. They add heat to the body. Try using the stove less. Cook meals during the cooler part of the day.

### Ending Smoking Support Offered

Persons trying to quit smoking or who would like to quit and could use a little extra support with the quitting process are invited to a nicotine support group. Washington Adventist Hospital (7600 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park) is offering a free support group on Thursday, August 31 at 7 p.m. For more information call 1-800-542-5096.



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

### Baha'i Faith

"Be as a lamp unto them that walk in darkness, a joy to the sorrowful, a sea for the thirsty, a haven for the distressed, an upholder and defender of the victim of oppression."  
– Bahá'u'lláh

Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160

www.bahai.org      www.us.bahai.org

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did she locate some from the older generations. The younger generations had become Lutherans.

She was surprised when contacted by members of a Fleishman family in Virginia who were planning a gigantic wedding for a daughter and were reaching out to all they could find of the extended family. This group had descended from Bavarian Catholics. Otilie attended the wedding and stayed connected with the family thereafter.

Another family anecdote concerned her father's two sisters who trained as governesses and served in England in that capacity. One of these women never married and in her old age lived with Otilie's family. She recounted how the aunt had sewed herself an elaborate wardrobe of clothing when she first left for England and had the misfortune to arrive shortly before the death of Queen Victoria. In this period of elaborate grief for the deceased monarch, the young woman had no choice but to dye black all her beautiful new clothes.

**Feminist**

As a Greenbelter Otilie became associated with a number of feminist organizations. She was a long-time member of the League of Women Voters and an early member of the National Organization for Women. As a fellow NOW member, I remember meeting her at someone's home and finding

her avidly stuffing envelopes to get out a mailing. She was also active in the D.C. chapter of Planned Parenthood.

Every summer for many years Otilie attended a summer camp program which focused on science and religion at Star Island off the coast of Maine. Through her influence many other members of the Paint Branch congregation also began participating in the program.

One of her lasting contributions to the Paint Branch community was her invention of the mitten tree – a Christmas tree erected each year in the church and hung with hundreds of pairs of original mittens, which she knitted and sold for charity. Ever since Otilie's departure from Maryland, women of the church have continued the tradition, which they call "Otilie's corner."

Otilie's friend Marge Owens, who has contributed so much of the anecdotal material for this memoir of a remarkable woman, emphasizes that throughout her life Otilie Van Allen struggled with bouts of a recurring and sometimes debilitating depression – severe enough to cause her hospitalization perhaps half a dozen times. Owens regards her ascendance over this infirmity and her long and creative life as signs of the extraordinary courage of Greenbelt's very own centenarian. Truly an Outstanding Citizen.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666      www.pbuuc.org

*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*

**August 13, 10 a.m.**  
**"Dance to the Muse(ic)"**

Poets of Paint Branch with John Bartoli, worship associate

Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

### Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST




Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: **301-474-6171** mornings  
www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/  
**Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.**  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

### GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212  
www.greenbeltbaptist.org      greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net

Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Worship Service: 10:45 am  
Weds. Worship: 7:00 pm  
(Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)

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### St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

**Sundays:** 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass  
9:00 am Christian education for all ages  
10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted  
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)

**Wednesdays:** 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

*An inclusive congregation!*

### Meals on Wheels Needs Help

Meals on Wheels of College Park, serving Greenbelt and other locales, needs volunteers to help pack daily meals for seniors and those who cannot cook for themselves. Also needed are drivers and visitors Monday through Friday. Packers work from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Drivers and runners work from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteer to work one day a week, once or twice a month or whenever possible. Call Monday through Friday, 301-474-1002 to help and for more information.

### Cooking Demo At Botanic Garden

On Tuesday, August 15 from noon to 1:30 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) will offer a free cooking demonstration by Tania Mercer, chef, instructor and author of "Recipes from the Garden."

Not only is the terrace exhibit a showcase of beautiful plants but it also features many plants used in everyday cooking. Join Chef Mercer as she demonstrates different dishes that can be created from the plants on the USBG terrace.

Limited seating is available on a first come, first served basis. This program is free; no pre-registration is required.



Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the death of Otilie Van Allen. Otilie, who was 102, was Greenbelt's outstanding citizen for 1995. She volunteered for many years at Greenbelt Center School and proofread for this newspaper.

Congratulations to Wang Hua, who was awarded a Ph.D in food science and human nutrition by the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Ruth Bond is currently at Shady Grove Nursing and Rehabilitation Center awaiting knee surgery. Her friends may write to her at 9701 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, MD 20850.

### Grief Care Offered

Grief Care is a free support group for those experiencing loss through death, divorce or other traumatic life events. It provides a safe place to grieve and helpful tools for coping, processing and healing. The support group will meet for six-weeks beginning on Tuesday, August 22 at 7 p.m. at Washington Adventist Hospital (7600 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park). To register call 301-891-5265.

### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

**40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt**  
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410  
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

**Sunday School 9:45 am    Worship Service 11:00 am**  
**Prayer Meeting Wed. 6:45 pm**  
**Crossways Bible Study Tues. 7:30 pm    Thurs. 10:30 am**  
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### HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday 9:30am      Worship Service  
10:30am      Adult Bible Class



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### ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770**  
**301-474-4322**



**Mass Schedule:**  
**Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**  
**Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.**  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe**  
**Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd**



Did you know?

Do you feel restless, like you have lost your peace of mind?

That we don't know what to do and where to find satisfaction? Our Lord has the answer to all our problems, as He tells us that, "... He guides to Himself those who turn to Him in penitence, those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of God. For without doubt in the remembrance of God do hearts find satisfaction."

– The Holy Qur'an, 13:27

To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at info@searchislam.org or visit the website www.searchislam.org.



**Foreign Students To Enroll with ISGO**  
by Mary Moien

All foreign-born students, K-12 and evening high school who are in the following categories are required to enroll through the International Student Guidance Office (ISGO) before being admitted to their local schools: all students who are not U.S. citizens; all U.S. citizens whose primary language is not English; and all students whose transcripts are from a foreign country.

Students in pre-K may register directly at their boundary school if a program is available. School registrars will then forward the registration information to the ISGO for recording.

The family (or school personnel assisting the family) should call the International Student Guidance Office at 301-445-8460 to schedule an appointment before going to that office. This procedure will ensure that the family has all necessary documents to register and that a counselor will be available to complete the registration. The ISGO will provide students with any other paperwork.

Foreign-born students already enrolled in a Prince George’s County public school may transfer from one county school to another without going through the ISGO. If a transferring student is currently enrolled in the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) program, the original school should call the ESOL Office at 301-445-8450 with the student’s new address and ask for the name of the transfer school.

The ISGO is located at the Judy Hoyer Family Learning Center, 8908 Riggs Road, Adelphi.

**Save Sales Tax August 23 – 27**

Maryland state sales tax will be waived on most items of clothing and footwear priced at \$100 or less and purchased August 23-27. Most accessory items do not qualify for the tax break. The purpose of this tax break is to encourage shopping and at the same time provide consumers with a savings opportunity at the beginning of the school year. Virginia and Washington, D.C. have also sponsored tax holidays.

**Academy 8 Theatres**  
Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155  
All shows starting before 6 p.m.  
Are ONLY \$5.00  
R = ID Required  
(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

**Week of August 11  
FRI. – THUR.**

Step Up, PG-13 (!)  
12:30, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30  
Monster House, PG  
12:45, 3, 6  
The Descent, R (!)  
12:30, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:30  
Talladega Nights, PG-13 (!)  
12:50, 3:05, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45  
World Trade Center, PG-13 (!)  
1:15, 4, 7, 10:20  
Miami Vice, R  
1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20  
Little Man, PG-13  
8:05, 10:30  
Pulse, PG-13 (!)  
12:30, 3, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15  
Barnyard, PG (!)  
1, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:40

**Volunteer to Pick Food for the Hungry**

It’s time for volunteers to pick produce for those in need. Harvesting via the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) began on July 17 and ends in mid-October. Volunteers may pick on Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays, weather and crops permitting. See [www.foodforothers.org](http://www.foodforothers.org) for specific dates.

This can be a group effort for community groups, church groups, etc. or for individuals or families. Registration is required. Contact Pam Koch, director of Special Programs at [pamkoch@cox.net](mailto:pamkoch@cox.net), to get on the schedule and receive directions to BARC. Some harvest dates do fill up or can be cancelled.

Volunteers have an opportunity to meet U.S. Department of Agriculture staff, learn about research and help low-income families in the area. All volunteers get to bring home some produce for their own families. It’s good exercise too.

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes and bring a plastic bag for one’s own produce. For more information about the harvesting program see website [www.foodforothers.org](http://www.foodforothers.org).



**Museum Marks Air Mail Anniversary**


Eighty-eight years ago, the first U.S. Postal Air Mail flight took off from College Park Airport to fly to Philadelphia. To commemorate this historic event, College Park Aviation Museum is hosting Air Mail Day on Sunday, August 13, from noon to 4 p.m. The public is invited to participate in air mail related crafts and hear stories about the first air mail flights.

There is an admission fee to the museum. The Air Mail Day activities are included at no additional cost. Reservations and registration are not required. An adult must accompany all children. For more information call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765.

**College Savings Plans Continue Tax Exempt**

Congress recently passed the Pension Protection Act (H.R. 4) and sent it to the President for signature. The bill included a provision to make permanent the federal tax exemption for Section 529 Plans, state college savings plans. This legislation removes the sunset provision on college savings plans and will help thousands of families in Maryland’s two 529 savings plans. For information contact College Savings Plans of Maryland, 410-767-2037 or [www.collegesavingsmd.org](http://www.collegesavingsmd.org).

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# City Information

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**  
**Municipal Building**  
**August 14, 2006 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Regular Meeting**

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
Presentations

- Introduction of Animal Control Officer

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Committee Reports (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by an \* will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

**LEGISLATION**  
A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) (2nd Reading, Adoption)  
An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2007 by Increasing the Transfer to the Capital Projects Fund in the Amount of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$151,000) (1st Reading)  
An Ordinance to Amend the Capital Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2007 (1st Reading)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Award of Purchase – Asphalt Roller
- Council Voting Procedures – Quorum
- Policy Amendments to the National Municipal Policy

**MEETINGS**  
NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.

**MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 14-18**  
**Monday, August 14, 7:30pm, Advisory Committee on Trees**, Schrom Hills Park Community Center. All interested persons are welcome to attend. For information or questions, please call the Public Works Department at 301-474-8004 .

**Monday, August 14, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting**, Municipal Building. (live on Channel 71).

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov).*

**DONATION DROP-OFF**  
American Rescue Workers  
Saturday, August 12th  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center  
*For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.*

**AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER**  
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**Session Dates: Aug. 21 thru Aug. 25**  
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**Passholders and Residents register: Aug. 7 and 8**  
**Open Registration: Aug. 9 – until classes are filled.**  
For class listings visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)  
For more information call 301-397-2204.

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71**  
**MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, August 14 at 8pm City Council Meeting (live) Tuesday & Thursday, August 15 & 17: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert,” 6:30pm “Camp Encore Session 2,” 7:30pm Replay of Council Mtg. PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, August 16 & 18: 7pm “New Deal Blues Festival-Ian Morrison,” 8pm Greenbelt Arts Center “Last of the Red Hot Lovers.”**

**ATTENTION RESIDENTS, REGISTER FOR GREENBELT ALERT NOW!**

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**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
*Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.*  
*Vacancies exist on the:*  
**Arts Advisory Board**  
**Park and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Youth Advisory Committee (youth and adult positions)**  
*For more information, please call 301-474-8000.*



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Stone has also had a variety of other county-appointed positions. He has an BA from Rutgers University and an MPA from American University. He claims the endorsement of his candidacy by the Prince George's County Educators Association (PGCEA), the AFL-CIO, Congressman Albert Wynn, County Executive Jack Johnson, former executive Wayne Curry and County Councilmember Doug Peters.

Gloria Lawlah, who chose not to run for reelection to the Maryland Senate, became a candidate when she thought there would not be enough qualified candidates running. However, she has since announced that she will not campaign for election, although this decision was made too late to remove her name from the ballot.

Donna Hathaway Beck, 50, of Upper Marlboro, is a well-known civic activist involved with Parent Teacher Associations. In that capacity she claims nine years of perfect attendance at Board of Education meetings. She has been president of the county Civic Federation, served on county council task forces, the Parent and Community Advisory Board, the Committee of 100, the Home School Advisory Board and as president of the Frederick Douglass High School, the James Madison Middle School and the Melwood Elementary School PTAs as well as being a lifetime member of the Maryland State PTA.

She was one of 24 women in Maryland to become a Maryland Women's History Project honoree in 1996. For three years she was a columnist with the Prince George's Journal and currently works on the Help Desk at the Census Bureau. In response to questions by the Gazette Newspapers, she refused to rate the current school board and responded that the school system could always use more funding. She claims endorsements by the PGCEA and Greenbelter Suzan DePlatchett, retired principal of Frederick Douglass High School.

Ken E. Johnson, 52, of Mitchellville, chaired the last elected school board, the one dissolved by the Maryland legislature because it was considered dysfunctional. He is a manager for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In response to the Gazette, he is critical of the current board for doing a less than fair job because it did not manage the superintendent well, had a problem with getting school audits completed and was not connected to the community.

Sherry A. Strother, 49, of Landover, is a public health manager who claims endorsements from the PGCEA and the AFL-CIO. Her only political involvement was as an unsuccessful candidate to the Democratic National Convention. She attended Prince George's Community College and Liberty University, where she obtained nursing and psychology degrees. She told the Gazette that she rates the current school board as doing a good job by building a solid foundation for a successful quality program plan. She feels that funding is at the appropriate level for staging the plan.

Nate Thomas, 25, of Suitland, also claims support from the PGCEA and the AFL-CIO. He is a resident teacher at the Forestville

Military Academy, where he is an instructor in government, U.S. history and student government. He also claims support from County Executive Jack Johnson and Howard Stone. He is a former student of county schools and has a BA from Hampton University in political science and a MS from Trinity University in educational administration. He feels that the current school board was a good steward for the past four years and accomplished the task assigned to it. While the school budget has been fully funded, it will need more in the future and he would look to greater revenue from private sources.

### Resident

Ronald L. Watson, 40, of Upper Marlboro, claims to be a 40 year resident of the county, growing up in District Heights and graduating from Central High School. He retired as a major in the U.S. Army in 2006 and is now a business and IT management consultant. He holds a doctorate from Binghamton University in system engineering, an MBA from George Washington University, an MS from Binghamton in advanced technology and a BA from Morgan State University in electrical engineering. He is the son of two principals. He claims endorsements from PGCEA, Senators Lawler and John Giannetti and three delegates. He told the Gazette that he thinks the current board did a good job in stabilizing the educational system, hiring a visionary CEO and helping to successfully fund the educational budget and believes the current funding level is about right.

Tony Lee, 37, of Fort Washington, is the founder and senior pastor of Community of Hope A.M.E. Church and the former senior minister to young adults at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church who has been recognized for his youth work. He holds a BS from the University of Maryland and a master of divinity from Union Theological Seminary. He believes the current board did a good job but that the school system needs more funding. He has proposed a tax increase upon local developers.

Deborah O. Driver, 52, of Fort Washington, is a realtor who is the founder and president of the Potomac Charter School, Inc. She also is president and founder of the urban teachers assistance program and a former vice-president of a PTA. She holds an MBA from George Washington University and a BS from Tennessee State. For the Gazette she refused to rate the current board stating that her focus is on describing the school system needed for the future. She applauded the county executive and council for funding the school system at the present level. She would be a helper to other charter schools.

Carletta Fellows, 36, of Upper Marlboro, is now an independent consultant who was a teacher in the District of Columbia and formerly taught for 10 years in the county. She holds a BA from Kent State University in psychology and an MA from Baldwin Wallace College in education. She told the Gazette that rating the current board serves no useful purpose and it is now time to move forward with an elected school board. She notes that the

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Assault**  
August 2, 7:15 a.m., 100 block Westway, a man reported that he was walking to his vehicle when a neighbor physically blocked his path. The man walked around his neighbor to his vehicle, at which time the neighbor approached and threatened him with a knife. The man drove from the scene and contacted police; he was not injured. The suspect is described as a white male in his 40s, 5’10”, 180 pounds with brown hair in a ponytail and brown eyes. Investigation is continuing.

**Handgun**  
July 31, 10:55 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, police responded to a report of a person firing a handgun. The witness reported that an unknown male fired several rounds from a handgun and then left the area along with a second unknown male in a vehicle described as a dark-colored SUV. No injuries were reported.

**Obstruction**  
July 28, 2:15 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with obstruction/hindering, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Police were inside the Holiday Inn speaking with two persons regarding a vehicle theft when the man began shouting profanities nearby. He refused several orders to cease his actions and leave the area while police were conducting their investigation. The man was arrested and resisted efforts to place him into custody. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Drug Arrest**  
July 30, 4:38 a.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police on patrol detected the odor of what was believed to be marijuana coming from a parked, occupied vehicle. The man in the driver’s seat was observed in possession of paraphernalia com-

monly used to smoke marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

**Trespass**  
August 1, 3:38 a.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. Police observed two suspicious persons in the hallway of an apartment building. Investigation revealed that one of the two had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

**Burglaries**  
July 30, 2:20 p.m., 18 court Ridge Road, unknown person(s) attempted to break into a residence by prying off a rear window screen and attempting to force the window open. Entry was not gained.

August 2, 1:02 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break into an apartment pool. A “boom box” type stereo was taken.

August 3, 5:44 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open the front door. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

**Vehicle Crimes**  
The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1996 Dodge Caravan from the 900 block Breezewood Terrace; a 2006 Ford F-250 truck from the 100 block Westway; a black 1997 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, Maryland tags 5BLL85; and a green 1994 Isuzu Rodeo truck, Maryland tags 616M604.

Three vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and by an outside police department. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to and theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7500, 7700 and 7800 blocks Mandan Road; 7700 block Greenbelt Road; Lastner and Ivy Lanes; and 43 and 70 Courts Ridge Road.

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funding for the past three years is what the school board asked for.

**Attorney**  
Jeana Jacobs, 38, of School District 5, is an attorney who has been a hearings and appeals examiner for the Board of Education since 2003. She works for the county Department of Corrections as the division chief of program services. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland University College. Her BA degree is from Maryland and her LLD is from the University of the District of Columbia. She claims endorsement from the AFL-CIO. She told the Gazette that the present board sought to ensure no appearance of division between the CEO and the board and there has been some improvement in test scores. The board has achieved the funding level set forth by the Thornton Commission and more funding must be linked to student achievement.

Tammie L. Page, 37, of Clinton, has 31 years of military experience and is the manager of the Robotics Mental Protegee Program for the Department of Navy. She is also an adjunct professor at several universities including Maryland. She holds a doctorate degree and is a motivational speaker and a freelance writer and author. She told the Gazette that the current board is doing a fair job although it has been humiliated by reports of scandal. She believes the current funding to be adequate.

Larry C. Reid, 59, of Lanham, is a retired U.S. Army master sergeant who is a Junior ROTC instructor at the Forestville Academy. He holds a BS in business management from the University of Maryland University College. He is an appointed member of the Democratic Central Committee. He rates the current school board as poor for poor oversight of the superintendent and lack of involvement with teachers. Current funding is adequate, he says, but poorly used.

**Others At-Large**  
Alicia Darensbourg, 38, of Clinton, is a former county teacher. Kenneth Fox, 76, of Bowie, is a semi-retired lawyer with a background in science and mathematics who is presently working on a critique of Maryland’s high school assessments, mainly in

algebra. Milad Pooran is a Beltsville physician. Walter J. Searcy, 55, of Mitchellville, is a real estate and business strategist and a former PTA vice-president.

**District 1 Candidates**  
The field of candidates for the District 1 seat on the Board of Education is much smaller. One candidate is a Greenbelter, another a retired teacher, the third a Howard County school ombudsman and the fourth an attorney.

George Martin Gates IV, 42, of Greenbelt (Mathew Street), claims eight years of legal, legislation and law experience in a law practice. He has been a special education attorney, a Congressional staffer, a school board administrator and a school teacher. Gates is a graduate of the Southern University Law Center where he obtained his JD, the University of New Orleans (MPA) and Deland University (BA in business administration). He is a member of the Greenbrook Estates Homeowners Association. For the Gazette he rated the current school board as good by overcoming insurmountable challenges and for establishing current stability as a foundation for the elected board. He also feels that there is always room for more funding of schools.

Rosalind A. Johnson, 61, of Laurel, was a school teacher for 35 years. She was the president of the Prince George’s Federation of Teachers from 1982 to 1990. She attended Morgan State University, the University of Maryland and Howard College. She has been endorsed by the AFL-CIO and claims to have had in attendance at her fund

raiser County Councilmembers Tom Dernoga and Doug Peters, former school board member Vera Teasdale, current candidate Donna Hathaway Beck and Delegate Mary Conroy. Johnson told the Gazette that the current school board has overall done a good job and has created a more fiscally stable and professional atmosphere. Funding of schools is just about right, she said.

Robin Barnes Shell, 46, of Glenn Dale, a Howard County school ombudsman, is an attorney, counselor, volunteer mediator in the District Court, a member of the Governor’s Commission on Service and Volunteerism and a board member of the Prince George’s Volunteer Center. She received a BA degree in economics from Howard University, a JD degree from Georgetown Law Center and a degree in Christian counseling from the Capitol Bible Seminary. She claims endorsement from the PGCEA. Shell told the Gazette that she thought the current school board had done a good job in working to build new schools, improve some existing schools and in creating a system of accountability. She noted that the school board had achieved full funding.

Dennis Whitley, III, 34 of Laurel, is an attorney with practice areas in civil litigation, personal injury, administrative law, domestic relations, landlord and tenant disputes, bankruptcy, tax foreclosures, land use and zoning and appellate work. He received a JD from Rutgers University School of Law in Newark, New Jersey and a BA at Morgan State.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

## Private Bonsai Exhibit At National Arboretum



From August 19 to 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the U.S. National Arboretum, the Chesapeake Bonsai Society, a club of the Potomac Bonsai Association (PBA), will exhibit bonsai from the private collections of members. On August 27 at 1 p.m., members will give a demonstration with practical information for new bonsai owners. The PBA is an association of bonsai clubs throughout Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. For information on upcoming PBA events or to join the local club visit [www.potomacbonsai.com](http://www.potomacbonsai.com). For information on this event visit the Arboretum’s website at [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov).

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**Position:** Recreation Leaders/Lifeguards (Pool operators, Water Safety Instructors)  
**Locations:** Beltsville, Bowie, Capitol Heights, Oxon Hill  
**Salary:** \$6.81 to \$10.56/hour **Salary is based on education and experience**  
**Hours:** 9:30 am – 1:30 pm Saturdays  
**Job description:** Plan and lead a variety of recreation activities for individuals with multiple development disabilities. Swimming is a large component of the program. Lifeguards require **current** CPR/First Aid and Lifeguard certifications and/or Pool Operators certifications. Call the Special Programs Division of M-NCPPC at 301-454-1480 and specify the area of interest.



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# Festival Notes

The 52nd Annual Labor Day Festival is just three weeks away. Time is flying – the biggest event in Greenbelt is just around the corner. Hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate.

**Voucher Program**

Festival ride vouchers are currently on sale at the Greenbelt Co-op customer service office. Purchase a voucher for more than half off the regular cost of the ride wristband and turn it in at any ticket booth on the Festival grounds for a wristband. Vouchers will be on sale until Friday, September 1. The number of vouchers is limited so early purchase is recommended.

**On Stage**

The Festival stage will be the setting for some wonderful acts this year. “Shoe Suede Blues” is returning to the Festival on Monday afternoon to provide rhythm and blues. “The Nighthawks,” also with rhythm and blues, will open the Festival stage on Friday night.

On Saturday the stage is the home for entertainment for people of all ages. “24U” starts the day with sound spanning all types of music. Then the kids’ entertainment begins with the Good Life Theater featuring a return engagement by “Joe Pipik and his Backpack Puppets,” to be followed by the clown antics of “Amazing Lula.” “Magic Mike” is returning both from the last Festival and numerous New Years celebrations with his wonderful magic.

The Saturday nighttime stage will host the return of “Diamond

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Sunday stage entertainment begins at 1 p.m. with the wonderful sounds of “Cosine” with their first appearance at the Festival. Don’t miss seeing this great new group. John Hill returns with easy-listening sounds, always an enjoyable time. “Wayne Brown and Second Conspiracy” will fill the last night of the Festival with great rock and roll that is sure to get everyone moving.

Entertainment on Monday will start at noon with “Shoe Suede Blues” (featuring Peter Tork) offering rhythm and blues that is always enjoyed by Festival-goers. “The Zach Sweeney Band” returns to the festival with rhythm and blues.

**Art Show**

There is still time to draw or paint that great piece to enter into the Labor Day Art Show. The show takes place at the Community Center and is sponsored by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts. There are two shows: one for adults and one for children and teens.

This is the 44th year for this popular event which gives Greenbelt artists of all ages and abilities the opportunity to acquaint the community with their work. Entries for the Art Show will be accepted on Friday, September 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Barbara Simon, Labor Day Art Show chair, can answer questions and can be reached at 301-474-2192.



For more information visit [www.greenbelt.com/labor-day](http://www.greenbelt.com/labor-day). The site is updated regularly and already sports the weekend tentative schedule. Festival organizers can also be emailed from a link at the website. Patti Brothers can also be contacted by phone on 301-910-0050.

**Photo Show**

There is plenty of time to take photos to submit to the Photo Show. Entries will be accepted on Friday, September 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Call Keith Zevallos at 301-474-5542 for additional information. It costs nothing to enter and recognition will be given to winners in various categories.

**Information Day**

There are still a few spots for groups to participate in Information Day. This day provides groups with an opportunity to share their cause, mission or product (though no sales are permitted). Those who want to participate should call Dave or Robin Pitts at 301-345-9605 for more information and an application. The application is also available on the Festival website.

**Craft Show**

There are still spots for individuals who would like to participate in the Craft Show on Sunday, September 3 in Roosevelt Center. Call Dave or Robin Pitts at 301-345-9605 for more information.

**Talent Show**

Call now to reserve a spot in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Talent Show. Auditions and rehearsals are quickly approaching. The Talent Show is on Saturday, September 2 at 6 p.m. Auditions and rehearsals are August 15 and 29 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Call Dennis or Marthea Lewis at 301-577-1718 for more information.

**Parade**

Parade Chairperson Linda Ivy is still accepting applications for this year’s Labor Day parade. Marching bands, majorettes, dancers, dogs, horses – groups of all types are invited to participate. Ivy can be reached by email at [Lindaivy@aol.com](mailto:Lindaivy@aol.com).

**Shuttle Buses**

The Festival will again offer shuttle bus service from various points in the city. Vans will run from satellite locations around the city. Shuttle drivers are still needed. Call John Forrest at 301-345-4073 to sign up to be a shuttle driver. The back of the Festival pullout (which will be in an upcoming News Review) will contain the shuttle schedule.

**Larry Noel 15K Run**

The 48th running of the Larry Noel 15K Run will begin on Northway at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 3. There is also a 3K

around the lake. Race day registration will begin at the Youth Center at 4 p.m. (there is a fee). For more information visit [www.dcroadrunners.org](http://www.dcroadrunners.org) or call the D.C. Roadrunners hotline at 703-241-0395 or Joe Broderick at 301-661-5019.

**Donations**

Businesses interested in supporting the Festival can call Patti Brothers at 301-910-0050. Donations will be recognized at the Festival itself and also in the Festival pullout.

**Ticket Sellers/Volunteers**

Individuals interested in being ticket sellers and volunteers are still needed to assist with this year’s Festival in all areas. This is an opportunity for students in grades 7 through 12 to fulfill their community hours requirement. Call Patti Brothers for details about general volunteer positions. Ticket sellers must be at least 15 years old. Non-student volunteers are also welcome to come help out.

**Meeting**

There is a meeting on Tuesday, August 29 at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. for people interested in being ticket sellers. This is a required meeting.

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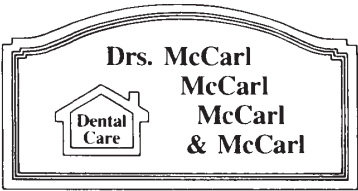
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# Registration Figures for Primary Election

**by Mary Moien**

The primary election is only a month away. Greenbelt has always been a Democratic stronghold. Again this year in the city, it appears that registered Democrats will outnumber Republicans by a 5 to 1 margin.

Although the official primary registration figures are not yet available, the chart below shows the four Greenbelt precincts and the

5th Congressional District as of the Presidential election two years ago. There were slightly fewer than 11,000 registered voters in Greenbelt (including about 2,000 who belonged to other parties or were unaffiliated who may vote only in the Board of Education primary).

Registration had increased slightly by the 2005 city elections (11,350) but it may decrease somewhat as registration records are culled after a presidential elec-

tion. A voter must vote in one of the last two presidential elections to remain on the voter rolls.

While the 5th Congressional District was only 55 percent Democratic in 2004, in Greenbelt it was 67 percent. Of the four local precincts, the percentage of Democrats ranged from a high of 71 in Springhill Lake (which usually has a very low voter turnout) to 60 percent at Greenbelt Elementary School.

## General Election Greenbelt Registration (as of 2004 Presidential election)

General Election Greenbelt Registration*				
Precinct and Polling Place	Democrats	Republicans	Total*	% Dem.
21-3 Community Center	1,676	396	2,541	66
21-6 Greenbelt Elementary	1,228	416	2,062	60
21-8 Springhill Lake	1,453	160	2,060	71
21-13 Eleanor Roosevelt High	2,943	508	4,250	69
Total Greenbelt	7,300	1,480	10,913	67
5th Congressional District**	196,094	105,817	357,620	55

\* Registration figures include all registrants including other parties and unaffiliated  
\*\* The 5th Congressional District includes part of Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties and all of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties.

## CANDIDATES continued from page 1

also serves on the Joint Committee on Legislative Data Systems and the county Delegation's Bi-County Committee. Ross lives in Greenbelt with his wife, Nancy and their two children.

**Karren Pope-Onwukwe**  
Karren Pope-Onwukwe, a Democratic candidate for the House of Delegates in District 22, is a 20-year resident of Prince George's County and a practicing attorney in the area of elder law. She is a founder and co-chair of the

Elder Law Section of the Prince George's County Bar Association as well as treasurer of the Elder Law Section Council of the Maryland State Bar Association.

In addition, Pope-Onwukwe serves as chair of the Prince George's County Aging Advisory Committee. She is also a former president of the Prince George's County Women's Bar Association. Pope-Onwukwe earned her doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center.

### ACE to Host School Board Candidates

Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center Multipurpose Room. District 1 candidates for the county school board will join the group at 7:30 p.m.

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### Forum for County Council Pending

by Pat Unger

Late on Tuesday, August 7 the News Review learned that the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) and the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club are working to co-sponsor a forum featuring the three Democratic candidates for the Prince George's County Council seat being vacated by Douglas J. J. Peters who is seeking a state senate seat.

The three candidates – Darryl Carrington, G. Fred Robinson and Ingrid Turner – all reside in Bowie.

Because no opposing candidate has filed, the Democrat who wins the primary on Tuesday, September 12 will “walk in” to the seat.

The tentative date, time and place is Wednesday, August 23 from 7:30 to 10 p.m., in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building. (Watch next week's News Review for confirmation and further details.)

### Absentee Ballots Now Available

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot instead of going to the polls on election day. To be counted as a vote, the absentee ballot must be received by 8 p.m. on election day or be postmarked by the day before election day.

To request an absentee ballot, download the form online at [www.elections.state.md.us/registered\\_voters/2006\\_Absentee\\_Ballot\\_Application.pdf](http://www.elections.state.md.us/registered_voters/2006_Absentee_Ballot_Application.pdf) and mail it to Prince George's County Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3070. A paper form may be picked up from the Board of Elections office at the above address. Further information may be available at 301-430-8020, TDD 301-627-3342.

The request for an application for absentee ballot must be received by September 5; thereafter the form must be filed in person.

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